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For	:	Polarizing Film Polarizing Plate)	
		and Liquid Crystal Display)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

8. (New) The polarizing plate according to claim 3, comprising an adhesive layer for adhesion with other members on the hard coating layer.
9. (New) The polarizing plate according to claim 8, comprising at least one of a retardation plate and a brightness enhanced plate on the adhesive layer.
10. (New) The polarizing plate according to claim 2, wherein the thickness of the transparent protective layer is from 5 to 200 μm .
11. (New) The polarizing plate according to claim 2, wherein the transparent protective layer contains transparent particles selected from the group consisting of inorganic fine particles made of silica, alumina, titania, zirconia, tin oxide, indium oxide, cadmium oxide, antimony or oxide, and organic fine particles made of a cross-linked or non-cross-linked polymer.
12. (New) The polarizing plate according to claim 5, wherein the adhesive layer comprises at least one of an acryl series polymer, a silicone series polymer, polyester, polyurethane, polyamide, polyether, fluorine series polymer, and rubber series polymer.

13. (New) The liquid crystal display according to claim 7, wherein the polarizing plate comprises a hard coating layer on an external surface of the transparent protective layer.

14. (New) The liquid crystal display according to claim 13, the hard coating layer comprises a transparent particle in dispersed state.

15. (New) The liquid crystal display according to claim 7, wherein the polarizing plate comprises an adhesive layer for adhesion with other members on one side or both sides thereof.

16. (New) The liquid crystal display according to claim 7, wherein the polarizing plate comprises at least one of a retardation plate and a brightness enhanced plate.

REMARKS

Claims 8-16 have been added by the current amendment. Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims as filed. Accordingly, the amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

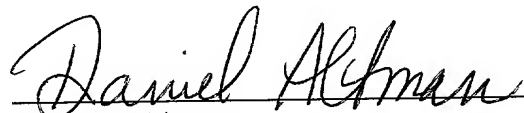
Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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